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<b>PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:</b>	<b>Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers</b>
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room B</b> second floor of the Cannon Building
<b>MINUTES APPROVED</b>	September 9, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Illene Courtright, Professional Member, President  
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member, Secretary  
Dr. Michael Michelli, Professional Member  
Regina Bilton, Professional Member  
Carol Guilbert, Public Member  
George Christensen, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF**

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General  
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II  
Kay Warren, Deputy Director

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member  
Maisha Britt, Public Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Courtright called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 8, 2009 meeting. Mr. Christensen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Review Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed the revised strategic plan prepared by Ms. Heeney. Ms. Heeney updated the Board's strategic plan as requested at the last next meeting to add the topics of telepractice, SLPAs, and foreign applicant requirements. The Board asked Ms. Heeney to add "communication with licensees" back on as an ongoing item.

#### Joint Sunset Committee – Legislative Discussion

Ms. Slaughter advised the board that SB 170 was signed by the Governor and is now effective.

#### JSC Progress Report

Ms. Warren advised the Board that the first JSC progress report is due September 15<sup>th</sup>. She asked the Board what their current initiatives are for implementing the Joint Sunset Committee's recommendations. Ms. Warren will prepare a draft progress report for the Board to review and discuss at their next meeting.

#### Review Draft of Proposed Changes to Audiology Regulations – Ms. Heeney

This item was tabled until the September meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Review Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

The Board reviewed Elayne Lee's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Paula Rusinko's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Michelle Poplos' application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Megan Racis' application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Nicole Starr's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Temporary Speech Pathologist Application

The Board reviewed Carly Jo Hosbach's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Bilton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Michelli, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Anastasia Grohoski's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Bilton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Michelli, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Permanent Audiologist Application

The Board reviewed Kelli Shivers' application for a permanent audiologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Megan Zapulla's application for a permanent audiologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Bilton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the following continuing education as noted:

Licensee: Kim Schulenburg

Sponsor: Christiana Health Care System

Activity: Application of the Passy-Muir Speaking Valves with Tracheostomized and Ventilator Dependent Patients

Contact Hours: 1 CS

#### Review Requests for Inactive Status

The Board reviewed a request to place Janice Crozier's speech/language pathologist license on inactive status. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the request. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed a request to place Susan Merchant's speech/language pathologist license on inactive status. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the request. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed a request to place Michelle Murtha's speech/language pathologist license on inactive status. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the request. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Request from Liesl Looney for Extension of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser License

The Board reviewed a request from Liesl Looney in which she requested an extension of her temporary hearing aid dispenser license. Ms. Looney took the exam, but the scores had not been sent to the Board yet. The Board determined that because Ms. Looney currently holds an active audiologist license, and the Governor has signed SB 170, Ms. Looney no longer needs to hold a separate hearing aid dispenser license. She will be able to dispense hearing aids under her audiologist license.

#### Other Business before the Board

There was no other business before the Board.

**Correspondence**

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that she received information for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual NCSB Conference if anyone is interested.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Warren advised the Board that Ms. Slaughter was nominated for, and received, the Division's Extra Mile Employee award for her help identifying several areas in draft legislation that would have been problematic if they were not revised.

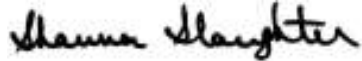
**Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shauna Slaughter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shauna Slaughter  
Administrative Specialist II